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Title: APPARATUS FOR USE IN }
AN INDUSTRIAL PROCESS }
AND PLANT INCLUDING }
SUCH APPARATUSES AS }
WELL AS METHOD FOR }
SIMULATING OPERATION }
OF SUCH A PLANT }
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REMARKS

None of the art cited on the attached PTO Form 1449 is believed to disclose or suggest the invention recited in the claims of the above-identified application. It is therefore believed that the claimed invention is patentably distinguishable over these references.

TIME OF FILING

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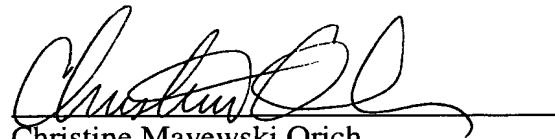
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2. after the time period specified in paragraph 1 above, but before the mailing date of either a final action under 37 CFR 1.113 or notice of allowance under 37 CFR 1.311. Therefore, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(c), submitted herewith is:
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 - A. a statement as specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e);
 - B. the petition fee of \$130.00 as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i); and
 - C. the accompanying petition under 37 CFR 1.97(e).

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